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For: COMMUNICATION CONTROL DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on February 14, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 14, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claim 1 as follows:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A communication control device comprising:
- a plurality of layer control devices, each implementing part of protocol layer functions and together supporting a communication protocol; and
 - a transmission line interconnecting the plurality of layer control devices to enable data communication between the layer control devices,
 - wherein the communication control device dynamically assigns the part of the protocol layer functions to each of the layer control devices, and

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